

act? It is our money they need and that at once. If the amount apportioned to each church was a personal obligation, how many members are there in each church who could easily pay the church's share? It has seemed to me this matter has been passed off too light. Now brethren, if we wish to escape severe criticism, let us awaken to our duty and not be classed as a dishonest people not willing to pay our obligations. This we must own unless we pay this obligation. I have had reports from the following churches:

Jan. 25—Tiosa, ready,	\$ 35.00
Feb. 3—Union Salem, ready,	
Jan. 19—Milford collecting,	100.00
Feb. 1—Brighton “	61.00
Jan. 23—Mt. Union, paid,	
Feb. 6—Gravelton church, ready,	
Jan. 22—Sister Ida Simmonds of Goshen, reports their amount ready, but does not state what church.	
Feb. 22—Roanoke, ready,	40.00
Sidney, ready,	25.00

DANIEL STEVENS.

Sidney, Ind.

FORMALISM IN THE CHURCH.

Godly purpose, must be very comprehensive, and intense, and can never commit its self to form, either as to dress, nor uniform ways of doing things. Too often much of the service in church is robbed of its power by the leaders trying to follow the form of conducting the meetings, adopted by some one else. The result is a lifeless meeting. If it be no sin to employ genius in secular affairs, it certainly would be a virtue to throw all the genius of our souls into the work for the salvation of dying souls of men. God designed that genius should have a nobler aim than inventing corn plows, and harvesting machines. These are good in their places i e, in the field, but they are not a success in cultivating the soul. Theology is knowledge, Religion is life. If knowledge is light, then Religion is the life that ought to grow in that light. The prayer-meeting is the place where life-Religion ought to flourish, and religious people ought to be oftenest found. I have often been asked to give an outline of how a service ought to be conducted in young people's meetings to make them the most interesting. But have refrained, for I would not for anything get any one in the rut. It is often good to do the same thing the same way; but we seldom, or never have the same thing in any two congregations, hence cannot successfully do the same way. Non-conformity is the unwritten law to success in reaching uniformity. Many different minds must be reached in

many different ways, to bring them to the one mind of the perfect one. Pulling the weeds, is not exactly cultivating the corn. So it is with our souls. Convicting the sinner is one thing, and disciplining, is quite another. One is weed pulling, and the other is cultivation.

J. O. TALLEY.

Matrimonial.

GINDLESPIERGER—COBER. By the undersigned, at the Brethren parsonage, Berlin, Pa., May 20, 1897, Mr. Harvey Gindlesperger and sister Mary S. Cober.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

MARKEL—HURLEY. At the home of the bride, Edna Mills, Ind., James Markel and Mary J. Hurley.

B. H. FLORA.

GANOE—MORTON. At the beautiful home of the bride's parents, Smithfield, Pa., May 13, 1897, in the presence of their many friends and relatives, Mr. Henry C. Ganoe and Miss Ama S. Morton. They take with them our best wishes, and we pray God's choicest blessings may guide their ship of life.

P. M. SWINEHART.

Masontown, Pa.

Our Dead.

BAIR.—In the Mexico congregation Miami County, Ind., Stella M. Bair, daughter of brother and sister James A. Bair, departed this life May 12, 1897, aged 21 years, 8 months and 17 days.

She confessed her Savior and was added to the church March 1, 1895.

The best commendation of her life and character was in the large assembly of friends and neighbors who came to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed.

Always obedient to her parents and ready and willing to serve others rather than herself. In the church she manifested the same disposition, doing willingly whatever her hands found to do.

The memory of her work shall long be cherished by all. Funeral discourse from John 14:1.

L. W. DITCH.

BECK.—Ella, wife of Nelson Beck, was born July, 14, 1873, died May 13, 1897. She was a consistent member of the Brethren church, giving her heart to the Master last winter at our revival at Teegarden. She was baptized by trine immersion on Easter Sunday last, and remained firm in her faith until death and

was prepared to meet her God. She was anointed May 11 by brethren Stoneburner and Mead. Although we will miss her in our gatherings here on earth, we have the blessed assurance that she has gone to where Jesus is, and although she cannot come to us, we can go to where she is waiting to meet us on that beautiful evergreen shore where parting will be no more, but where all is joy and peace and love, and death never comes to take our loved ones away. She was a faithful mother and a loving wife, and leaves a husband, three children, an aged father and mother and many mourning friends who have our entire sympathy. Funeral services by Brother Stuckman.

CHAS. STEELE.

HOPPUS.—At Warsaw, Ind., May 10, 1897, Mr. George Hoppus, aged 43 years, 6 months and 20 days. He was converted but several weeks before his death. Sickness caused a loss of mind which led to his death. Funeral services by the writer.

C. F. YODER.

RITTER.—Infant son of Frank and Jennie Ritter, was born at Teegarden, May 7, 1897, and died May 13, 1897. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community. Funeral by brother E. Stoneburner.

CHAS. STEELE.

SUDER.—At the County Home, Somerset county, Pa., Fred. Suder, aged 82 years and 15 days. Interment at Berlin, Pa. Funeral services conducted by

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

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